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OCTAVIO C. LUNA NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PATTON STATE HOSPITAL

SACRAMENTO - State Mental Health Director Stephen W. Mayberg, Ph.D., today announced the appointment of Octavio Carlos Luna, Pharm.D., as executive director of Patton State Hospital.

"I am confident that Dr. Luna will do an excellent job in leading California's largest forensic hospital into the 21st century," said Director Mayberg. "His extensive knowledge of the hospital's operations, treatment programs and staff, as well as his insight into the concerns of the community, will greatly assist him and the state mental health department in ensuring that patients receive optimal care."

Dr. Luna's career spans 23 years at Patton State Hospital. He first joined the hospital as director of Pharmacy in 1981 and has held a number of supervisory and management positions, including chief of Central Program Services, program director, clinical administrator for 12 years, hospital administrator and acting executive director. A native Californian, Dr. Luna graduated from San Clemente High School in 1971. He attended UCLA and received his doctor of pharmacy from U.C. San Francisco's School of Pharmacy in 1978.

As executive director, Dr. Luna manages a staff of more than 2,200 employees who provide clinical, administrative and support services for the daily operation of the hospital and the treatment of 1,300 adult male and female patients who reside at the hospital.

Founded in 1893, Patton State Hospital has been an integral part of the San Bernardino Inland Empire community throughout its history. One of four hospitals in the state's mental health system, it is the largest state hospital for the mentally ill forensic population, with an operating budget of \$160 million. Located on 140 acres in San Bernardino County, the hospital's mission is to provide state-of-the-art mental health care and treatment to forensic and civilly committed individuals in need of a structured, secure environment.

Patients are comprised of Judicially Committed Penal Code commitments who are Mentally Disordered Offenders, Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity, Incompetent to Stand Trial and inmates from the California Department of Corrections (CDC), who are sent to the hospital for stabilization for their mental illness and are then returned to CDC. Patton State Hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and licensed by the California Department of Health Services.

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